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### Animal By-product Rules Delayed

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**Report Highlights:**

The new EU rules on third country imports of animal by-products have been delayed from May 1, 2003 until December 31, 2003.

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Includes PSD Changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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On April 16, 2003, the EU Standing Committee on Food Safety and Animal Health approved the transitional and permanent implementing measures concerning the animal by-products regulation (Reg. 1774/2002). Of particular importance to the U.S. is the approval of a transitional period for third countries providing for a postponement of certain portions of the regulation until December 31, 2003. The transitional period is needed to allow for the Commission to make technical amendments to the import certificates. Other measures adopted concern:

- the transitional measures on catering waste and used cooking oil for Germany and Austria
- the burial and burning of animal carcasses on the farm
- the derogation on the intra-species recycling ban for fish and fur animals
- the protection of endangered species
- composting and biogas standards
- manure processing
- the collection of wastewater
- treatment of mammalian blood
- separation standards in oleo-chemical plants, processing plants and intermediate plants
- the collection and disposal of former foodstuffs

All measures were published in Official Journal L 117 on May 13 and can be downloaded from

[http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/2003/L\\_11720030513en.html](http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/2003/L_11720030513en.html)

[http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/dat/2003/L\\_117/L\\_11720030513en00190021.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/dat/2003/L_117/L_11720030513en00190021.pdf) provides a direct link to Commission Regulation 812/2003 granting a delay to third countries.

**Background.** In September 2002, the European Commission approved Regulation 1774/2002 that will require animal by-products not intended for human consumption, (including blood products, hides and pet food) be derived from the carcasses of animals fit for human consumption. This regulation could negatively impact U.S. exports of animal by-products not intended for human consumption to the European Union. U.S. exports to the EU of these products were valued at \$465 million in CY01. The legislation prohibits the use of any rendered protein which was obtained from animal carcasses that were unfit for human consumption as an animal feed ingredient or for pet food. For example, fallen stock will not be permitted in feed.

**Related USEU reports:**

Report Number	Title	Date released
E23041	Animal by-products: Fish Feed	03/21/03
E23054	EU Petfood Regulations	04/08/03
E22091	EU Annual Livestock Report	09/30/02

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